

### REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 being independent. No new matter has been added. In view of the following remarks, all of the claims should be allowed.

#### Objection to the Specification

The specification was objected to for containing a misspelling at paragraph 0041. It is respectfully noted that the specification recites "a time lag" and that it was not intended to recite "a time log" as suggested in the office action. In particular, the sentence in paragraph 0041 that recites "a time lag" is referring to delays in data creation and the time at which data becomes available for reporting (thus a time lag exists between creation and reportability).

Accordingly, this basis for objection should be withdrawn.

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-21 are rejected for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, it is alleged that the metes and bounds of "first and second integration paths" as well as "first service quality" and "second service quality" are not defined.

A skilled artisan would recognize that the claims as presented particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter that is regarded as the invention. Paragraph 34 of the specification recites: "The service layer 104 uses the BI platform 116 to offer additional service qualities, like a persistency layer 140 to store data in structures that are optimized for reporting, OLAP analysis functionality from the OLAP engine 142 or

generic BI services 144, e.g., planning, etc. One integration path may use some of these services whereas another integration path may use all of these services, e.g., remote BI platform integration and real-time data acquisition both integrate data into the BI platform 116. Integration paths may differ in whether they use the BI platform's persistency layer 140, but may commonly use all other services of the BI platform 116." This paragraph demonstrates that integration paths may use different services.

Paragraph 44 of the specification recites, in part, "... various integration paths in the operational reporting architecture will be explained. An integration path describes the path from the source system 112 through the data access layer 102 and service layer 104 to the data abstraction layer 106. This path determines the service quality." As stated above, the different integration paths can use different services, this paragraph describes how the path determines the service quality.

Paragraph 46 of the specification recites "Data provided by resource adapters 130 can be mapped directly into the meta model unified business query view 118 of the data abstraction layer 106. Hence, the resource adapter direct mapping (RADM) integration path 150 allows integration of OLTP data and external OLAP data into the operational reporting architecture without using the OLAP engine 142 or other BI services 144 of the BI platform 116. Hence, data can be used within the operational reporting architecture 100 providing the analytical functionality of its respective data source and without creating the overhead of integrating data into the BI platform 116". This paragraph provides support for the recited subject matter in that the second service qualities can utilize some of the overhead of the BI platform which is not used by the first service.

Therefore, the skilled person would be able to understand and appreciate the subject matter recited in the claims as previously presented and that such claims are definite in nature. Notwithstanding, in order to expedite the allowance of the current application, claims 1 and 15 were amended to clarify that the service qualities are dependent on services used by a corresponding service path, by having such claims recite: "the first service qualities being dependent on the services used by the first integration path, the second service qualities being dependent on the services used by the second integration path" (for support, see, inter alia, specification par. 34).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this basis for rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-21 stand rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. US 2003/0208460 issued to Srikant et al. ("Srikant") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0120021 issued to Tang et al. ("Tang"). These rejections are traversed.

It is respectfully noted that Tang does not qualify as prior art, thus making this rejection moot. The filing date of the current application is December 1, 2003, whereas Tang was filed on December 2, 2003 without claiming priority to any previously filed applications.

Accordingly, claims 1-21 should be allowable.

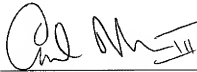
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the claims are in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 34874-082.

Respectfully submitted,



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